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SUBJECT: GONZALEZ MARTEN MAY ABANDON PRESIDENTIAL RACE

1. HIGHLY PLACED UNIFICACION NACIONAL (UN) PARTY SOURCES CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY OCTOBER 16 REPORTS CIRCULATING IN THE CITY THAT PARTIDO NACIONAL INDEPENDIENTE (PNI) PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE JORGE GONZALEZ MARTEN HAS CALLED AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE PNI NATIONAL CONVENTION FOR OCTOBER 18 WHERE HE MAY SUBMIT HIS WITHDRAWAL FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL RACE TO THE ASSEMBLED PNI DELEGATES.

2. THIS UN SOURCE POINTED OUT THAT THE PNI CONEOTIONS FOR GONZALEZ MARTEN'S WITHDRAWAL AS PUBLISHED BY LA HORA ARE TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE, BUT SUGGESTED THAT IF GONZALEZ MARTEN'S ELECTORAL SITUATION IS SO DESPERATE A DEAL CAN UNDOUBTEDLY BE WORKED OUT. ACCORDING TO STORY IN LA HORA WHICH APPEARS LEAKED BY THE PNI, GONZALEZ MARTEN'S RESIGNATION WILL COST THE UN COLONES 6 MILLION, ONE HALF THE UN CABINET, IN ITS 1974 GOVERNMENT, AND AKEY ROLL PERHAPS VICE-PRESIDENCY FOR GONZALEZ MARTEN IN THAT GOVERNMENT.

3. UN PARTY LEADERS SAY THEY HAVE NOT YET SEEN THE PNI PROPOSAL BUT SUGGEST IT MAY HAVE GONE DIRECTLY TO DR. TREJOS OR, ON THE OTHER HAND, MAY NOT HAVE LEFT THE PNI. MORNING PRESS OCTOBER 17 QUOTES DR. TREJOS
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AS SAYING THERE ARE CONVERSATIONS GOING ON BETWEEN

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"MUTUAL FRIENDS" IN BOTH PARTIES.
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